

SENATE BILL 2162

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38
and Title 68, Chapter 11, relative to facility
security.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) A facility may employ and commission police officers to provide security and
law enforcement at the facility.

(b) A facility employing police officers shall ensure that each police officer is
certified by the peace officer standards and training (POST) commission. A facility may
establish additional qualifying factors, training standards, and policies for its police
officers.

(c) Each police officer employed by a facility must be appointed as a special
deputy in accordance with § 8-8-212, or a special police officer by the chief law
enforcement officer of the county or municipal law enforcement agency in which the
facility is located.

(d) The county or municipal law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where
the facility is located shall define the geographical limitation on the exercise of police
power of the special deputy or special police officer.

(e) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, the law enforcement agency
having jurisdiction where the facility is located is immune from a suit by anyone incurring
a wrong, injury, loss, damage, or expense resulting from an act or failure to act on the

part of a special deputy or special police officer commissioned as a police officer by the facility.

(f) A person must not be appointed as a special deputy or a special police officer or be commissioned as a police officer by a facility, unless the person proves to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the facility is located that the person meets the financial responsibility requirements prescribed by § 8-8-303(c).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.